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**Title
FY 2015 INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

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- A. AR 40-501, STANDARDS OF MEDICAL FITNESS, DATED 15 DEC 07 (RAR 003, 04 AUG 11).
 - B. AR 601-20, THE INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM, DATED 14 AUG 09.
 - C. AR 600-9, THE ARMY WEIGHT CONTROL PROGRAM, DATED 27 NOV 06.
 - D. DODI 6000, 13 MEDICAL MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL, DATED 30 JUN 97.
 - E. AR 135-100, APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS OF THE ARMY, DATED 01 SEP 94.
 - F. AR 135-101, APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT BRANCHES, DATED 15 FEB 84.
 - G. AR 601-100, APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS IN THE REGULAR ARMY, DATED 21 NOV 06.
 - H. AR 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA, DATED 31 MAR 14.
- 1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE NLT 02 FEB 18.
 - 2. PURPOSE: THIS MESSAGE IS THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 15 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM (IPAP) BOARD AND SOLICITS APPLICATIONS FROM REGULAR ARMY (RA) AND UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT (USAR), FOR ENLISTED, COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND WARRANT OFFICERS.
 - A. THIS MESSAGE SOLICITS APPLICATIONS FOR IPAP CLASSES TO START IN JAN, APR, AND AUG 2016 AT THE AMEDD CENTER AND SCHOOL LOCATED AT JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS. APPLICATIONS FOR THE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETION COURSE (RCC) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FY15 BOARD FOR FY 2018-2019 ACCESSION.
 - B. ENLISTED STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRAINING WILL ATTEND IN AN OFFICER CANDIDATE STATUS AND WILL BE ACCESSED INTO THE ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS (SP CORPS) AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING.

C. ALL ENLISTED APPLICANTS MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE WARRIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE (WLC) PRIOR TO THE START OF IPAP.

D. WARRANT OFFICER STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRAINING WILL ATTEND IN THEIR CURRENT WARRANT OFFICER GRADE AND WILL BE ACCESSED INTO THE SP CORPS AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING.

E. COMMISSIONED OFFICER STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRAINING WILL REPORT WITH THEIR CURRENT RANK HELD (REF. E. (3))

F. APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER SERVICES FOR REGULAR ARMY SEATS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FY15 BOARD.

G. ROTC CADETS WHILE IN CADET STATUS ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR IPAP.

H. ARMY PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR THE IPAP ARE EXEMPT FROM STOP LOSS, STOP MOVEMENT, AND LIFE CYCLE UNIT REQUIREMENTS. (AR 601-20 2-2 E.)

I. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR IPAP.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES (CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 1-4)

ADDITION TO AR 601-20 1-4 D. UNIT COMMANDERS AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISORS WILL INTERVIEW AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICANTS UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND/OR SUPERVISION. RECOMMENDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) WILL INTERVIEW AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICANTS UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND/OR SUPERVISION. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RECOMMENDATIONS MUST USE USAREC FORM 601-37.11 (OLD-USAREC FORM 195) AND INCLUDE AT LEAST 80 HOURS OF SHADOWING. APPLICANTS WITHOUT A UNIT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY REQUEST APPROVAL FOR 80 SHADOWING HOURS WITH A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL OTHER THAN A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BY EMAIL THRU THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER TO THE PA CONSULTANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

4. PROGRAM INFORMATION

A. INELIGIBILITY (CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-1)

(1) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 2-1(3) (1): APPLICANTS WITH OVER 13 YEARS TOTAL ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE AS OF 01 JAN 2016 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN FIVE YEARS ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE AS OF 01 JAN 16 MUST REQUEST A TIS WAIVER TO BOARD. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 7 YEARS OF ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE AS OF 01 JAN 16 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

(2) CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-13(B): ENLISTED APPLICANTS ONLY: PER 10 U.S.C. SUBSECTION 532(A)(2) AND AR 601-100 PAR. 1-9 AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE RA MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO AGE 42. FOR THE USAR AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO THE AGE OF 47. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR AN ACTIVE DUTY IPAP SEAT, YOU WILL HAVE TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 42 AS OF 08 JUN 2018.

(3) CHANGE TO AR 601-20 2-1.B: ALL APPLICANTS WITH P2 PROFILE (EXCEPT HEARING AND EYES) ARE INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR IPAP. (PRIOR TO 01 MARCH 2015 AN EXCEPTION TO BOARD MAY BE REQUESTED FROM THE PA CONSULTANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL THRU THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER AT FORT KNOX KY.)

(4) CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-1.B.: APPLICANTS WITH A TEMPORARY PROFILE ARE INELIGIBLE TO BOARD. (AN EXCEPTION TO BOARD MAY BE REQUESTED FROM THE PA CONSULTANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL THRU THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER AT FORT KNOX KY.)

B. BASIC PREREQUISITES: UPDATE TO AR 601-20 ARE FOUND AT [HTTP: //WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

(1) CHANGE TO AR 601-20 2-2.A: DUE TO THE CRITICAL SKILLS WAR TIME SHORTAGE OF 65D IN THE USAR AND NG, SOLDIERS IN THOSE COMPONENTS CAN ONLY APPLY FOR THEIR CURRENT COMPONENTS IPAP SEATS.

(2) APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.75 AND A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.75 FOR ALL SCIENCE COURSES.

(3) APPLICANTS MANDATORY SCIENCE COURSES (ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND CHEMISTRY) MUST HAVE BEEN PERFORMED WITHIN 8 YEARS OF THE START OF IPAP. CREDIT FOR MOS-RELATED TRAINING FOR 68K (LAB TECHNICIANS), 18D (SPECIAL FORCES MEDICS), AND 68WM6/68C (LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES) MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING WITHIN 8 YEARS OF IPAP TO BE ACCEPTED.

(4) TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY FROM THE ISSUING INSTITUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER, ATTN: IPAP (APPLICANTS RANK, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME), 984035 NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER, OMAHA, NE 68198-4035. TRANSCRIPTS MAY BE SENT AS SOON AS 1 OCT 14, BUT POST MARKED NLT 1 FEB 15. (NO EXCEPTIONS).

(5) APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF THEIR TRANSCRIPTS WITH THEIR COMPLETED PACKET TO USAREC.

(6) STUDENTS SELECTED FOR IPAP ARE EXPECTED TO BRING A COPY OF ALL TRANSCRIPTS WITH THEM TO IPAP.

(7) MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF REPORTING TO IPAP BY EITHER TAKING THE MILITARY CORESPONDENCE COURSE, A COLLEGE CLASS OR MOS TRAINING.

(8) WAIVERS ARE PROCESSED AND FORWARDED FOR THE APPROPRIATE ACTION THROUGH THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER (PREBOARD AND THROUGHOUT THE IPAP PROGRAM) IAW AR 601-100, AR 135-110, AR135-101, AR350-51, AR 40-501, AND LOCAL USAREC POLICY TO ENSURE THAT SOLDIERS REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

C. ACADEMIC DELAY VERSUS THE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETION COURSE: UPDATE TO AR 601-20 ARE FOUND AT [HTTP: //WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

(1) THE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETION COURSE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FY15 BOARD FOR FY 2018-2019 ACCESSION.

D. APPLICATION DEADLINES: UPDATE TO AR 601-20 ARE FOUND AT [HTTP: //WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

(1) PACKETS MUST BE COMPLETE AND PROVIDED TO HQ, USAREC NO LATER THAN 1 MARCH OF THE APPLICATION YEAR, OR THEY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE ORIGINATOR. DO NOT STAPLE OR BIND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS. DO NOT PLACE IN BINDERS OR COVER SHEETS. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN SEQUENCE AND PLACE IN A 2 POCKET FOLDER.

E. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND SERVICE OBLIGATION

(1) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 2-4B (1): DIDACTIC (INSTRUCTIONAL) INSTRUCTION (PHASE 1) WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE AMEDD CENTER AND SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 64 WEEKS.

(2) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 2-4B (2): APPLICATORY (CLINICAL) TRAINING (PHASE 2) WILL OCCUR AT SELECTED ARMY MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 52 WEEKS.

(3) CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-4 D (4): COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL ATTEND IPAP IN THEIR CURRENT OFFICER GRADE HELD, AND WILL BE 'DETAILED' INTO THE SP. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 TRAINING, AN ELIGIBLE GRADUATE MAY BE TENDERED A RA OR USAR (DEPENDING ON COMPONENT IPAP SEAT) APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE SP, WITH THEIR RANK DETERMINED BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE CREDIT CALCULATED IAW DODI 6000.13, MEDICAL MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL, PARAGRAPH 6.1.1.2, AND POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE OTSG.

(4) UPDATE TO AR601-20 3-1E (3) THE BASIC APPLICATION MEMORANDUM FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ADJUSTMENTS, "I UNDERSTAND THAT UPON SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION FROM THIS PROGRAM AND MEETING ALL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, I WILL BE APPOINTED AS A REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONED OFFICER AND AWARDED THE AOC 65D. APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE SP, WITH AN AOC 65D, WILL NOT BE TENDERED UNTIL SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 TRAINING."

(5) UPDATE TO AR601-20 4-1C: COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL REPORT WITH THEIR CURRENT RANK HELD.

(6) COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WHILE ATTENDING IPAP, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO D COMPANY 187TH MEDICAL BATTALION FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRAINING. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IN/OUT PROCESSING, PERSONAL FINANCES, UCMJ AUTHORITY, ACADEMIC TRACKING, AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROGRAM POLICY.

(7) OFFICERS WILL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR BASIC BRANCH FOR PROMOTIONS AND CAREER STATUS INTEGRATION WHILE ATTENDING IPAP.

(8) ALL REGULAR ARMY IPAP STUDENTS WILL INCUR A 54 MONTH OBLIGATION FOR THE TRAINING.

(9) UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVIST WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF AN EIGHT YEAR OBLIGATION FOR THE IPAP TRAINING. THE SELECTIVE RESERVE OBLIGATION OF SIX YEARS AND AN IRR OBLIGATION OF TWO YEARS.

(10) APPLICATION: BASIC APPLICATION GUIDELINES ARE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

F. MILESTONES IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS

(1) EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION OF THIS MESSAGE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IF POSTMARKED BY 1 MAR 15. NOTE: THE SAT RESULTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USAREC (RCHS-SVD-SP) NLT 1 MAR 15 AND ALL PACKETS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THE SAT RESULTS IN THE PACKET PRIOR TO BEING CERTIFIED BY THE PSB, S1, OR COMMANDER. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER NLT 1 FEB 15. THE APPLICANT MUST INCLUDE A COMPLETED ACADEMIC WORKSHEET IN THE

APPLICATION PACKET. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS BY THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER.

(2) SELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY USAREC (RCHS-SVD) VIA A WORLDWIDE MILPER MESSAGE AFTER JUL 15. THIS LINK CAN BE FOUND VIA ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE. IT IS LOCATED ON THE HOME WEBSITE OF HUMAN RESOURCE COMMAND (HRC) - FORT KNOX, KY. [HTTPS: //WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/MILPER/](https://www.hrc.army.mil/milper/).

5. INQUIRIES AND ASSISTANCE:

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, CONTACT THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER, COMMANDER, USAREC (RCHS-SVD-PA), 1307 THIRD AVENUE, FORT KNOX, KY 40121-2726. 1-800-223-3737 EXT. 60386; COMMERCIAL (502) 626-0386 OR DSN: 536-0386, EMAIL: RAMON.S.BRADSHAW.MIL@MAIL.MIL OR VISIT WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA.
